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Contractor License Revocations

RICHMOND – The Virginia Board for Contractors issued four license revocations at its most recent meeting Tuesday, May 23. Following is a summary of the Board's actions.

Copies of the file orders are available online at www.dpor.virginia.gov under "License Lookup." Fines are deposited directly into the state Literary Fund, which is used solely for public education purposes such as school construction, renovation, and teacher retirement funding.

MACON A. MOYER, II STAUNTON, VA

File Number 2005-03162

COMPLAINANT – Joseph Haertsch (Raphine, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Martin failed to execute a written contract; engaged in negligence or incompetence in the practice of contracting; failed to satisfy a court judgment; failed to notify the Board of an address change; and failed to respond to an investigator.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705072609 and \$2,950 in fines.

FRANKIE L. GUTHRTIE trading as COLONY CONSTRUCTION ROANOKE, VA

File Number 2006-01557

COMPLAINANT – Michelle McNair (Roanoke, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Colony failed to execute and include all required provisions in the written contract; failed to obtain required building permits; and acted as ostensible licensee for a contractor whose license was previously revoked.

BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705098114 and \$1,750 in fines.

RITA M. COPELAND trading as R M & G HOME IMPROVEMENT & CONSULTANTS VIRGINIA BEACH, VA

File Number 2006-02911

COMPLAINANT – Brenda and Ronald Mansell (Newport News, VA)

VIOLATIONS – Copeland practiced outside her class and specialty of license; failed to obtain required building permits; abandoned the project; retained funds related to uncompleted contract items; and failed to notify the Board of an address change.

BOARD ACTION - Revocation of License No. 2705083892.

JOE A. SWAIN trading as J & J CONTRACTORS ROCKY MOUNT, VA

File Number 2005-01557
COMPLAINANT – Al Townsend (Baltimore, MD)
VIOLATIONS – Swain failed to satisfy a court judgment.
BOARD ACTION – Revocation of License No. 2705043664.

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About DPOR and the Board for Contractors:

The Virginia Department of Professional and Occupational Regulation (DPOR) regulates nearly 40 commercial occupations and certain professions. The agency licenses or certifies more than 300,000 individuals and businesses ranging from architects and contractors to cosmetologists and professional wrestlers.

DPOR investigates reports of regulatory violations by licensees; pursues complaints of criminal activity by unlicensed practitioners; responds to business-related consumer inquiries and requests for license checks; administers recovery funds for consumers harmed in contractor or real estate transactions; and conducts mediation services and public awareness campaigns.

The Board for Contractors licenses more than 100,000 Virginia businesses and individuals. The Board is composed of a Class A general contractor; a sub-contractor; contractors specializing in utilities, commercial and industrial buildings, single-family residences, and home improvements; a building supplier; a local building official; licensed tradesmen in plumbing, electrical, and heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC); and two citizen members.

The Board administers the Virginia Contractor Transaction Recovery Fund, which provides monetary relief to eligible consumers who incur losses through the improper and dishonest conduct of a licensed contractor. The fund is supported entirely by assessments paid by licensed contractors, not by any tax revenues.

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